

6 MAY 1971

Honorable John P. Saylor
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Saylor:

This is in reply to your letter dated 23 April forwarding certain correspondence concerning [] who is an applicant for employment with this Agency.

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I believe the statements contained in the letter from [] reflect a misunderstanding. It is the firm policy of this Agency that no medical information may be requested from the private physician of an applicant or employee without a written authorization for its release from the individual concerned. In the case of an applicant, if additional medical information is needed, it is made clear to the applicant that he or she must secure its release and bear any medical costs involved.

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As concerns [] clarification was required of a statement contained in the medical history form which she had completed and submitted with her application. She advised us that her physician, [] wanted a standard form to fill out in lieu of a narrative and asked that our Medical Office communicate directly with him. This was done as shown in the correspondence which you forwarded to us. On 5 April, [] wrote that she had contacted [] and hoped that the statement would be sent very soon. On 25 April, it was submitted to the Agency but by another physician.

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We are most assuredly in full accord with [] concern to protect the confidentiality of information concerning his patients, and regret if it appeared that such information was requested without proper authority. I am pleased to state that the application of [] is now in process and we have written her accordingly. A copy of our letter is enclosed.

We appreciate your interest in bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

[]

John M. Maury
Legislative Counsel

Enclosure

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